

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Withdrawn) An inspection device for detecting a foreign matter in liquid filled in a transparent container comprising:

a first irradiation light source which is disposed backward of the transparent container and irradiates a first irradiation light to the transparent container;

a second irradiation source which is disposed at a position other than the backward of the transparent container and irradiates a second irradiation light of a color other than that of the first irradiation light to the transparent container;

a color separation use mirror which is disposed on a transmission light optical passage of the first irradiation light from the transparent container as well as on a reflection light optical passage of the second irradiation light from the transparent container, causes to advance in straight the transmission light of the first irradiation light and performs color separation of the reflection light

of the second irradiation light and guides the same in another optical passage than that of the transmission light;

a first image taking means which is disposed on the straight advancing optical passage and image-takes the transmission light of the first irradiation light;

a second image taking means which is disposed on the other optical passage and image-takes the reflection light of the second irradiation light; and

an image processing means which image processes picture images taken by the first and second image taking means and detects foreign matters in the liquid filled in the container.

2. (Withdrawn) An inspection device for detecting a foreign matter in liquid filled in a transparent container comprising:

a first irradiation light source which is disposed backward of the transparent container and irradiates a first irradiation light to the transparent container light to the transparent container;

a second irradiation source which is disposed at a position other than the backward of the transparent container

and irradiates a second irradiation light of a color other than that of the first irradiation light to the transparent container;

a half mirror which is disposed on a transmission light optical passage of the first irradiation light from the transparent container as well as on a reflection light optical passage of the second irradiation light from the transparent container and performs optical passage separation;

a first filter which is disposed on a straight advancing optical passage of the half mirror and selects the transmission light from the first irradiation light;

a first image taking means which image-takes the transmission light of the first irradiation light selected by the first filter;

a second filter which is disposed on another optical passage of the half mirror and selects the reflection light of the second irradiation light;

a second image taking means which image-takes the reflection light of the second irradiation light selected by the second filter; and

an image processing means which image processes picture images taken by the first and second image taking means and detects foreign matters in the liquid filled in the container.

3. (Withdrawn) An inspection devices for detecting a foreign matter in liquid filled in a transparent container according to claim 1, wherein the image processing means detects foreign matters for every first and second picture images taken by he first and second image taking means as well as compares the foreign matters detected from the first and second picture images to judge characteristics of the foreign matters.

4. (Withdrawn) A foreign matter inspection system in which transparent contains being filled with liquid are successively conveyed and the foreign matter inspection device according to claim 1 is disposed along the conveying route.

5. (Withdrawn) An inspection device for inspecting foreign matters in liquid filled in a transparent container which comprising;

a first irradiation light source which is disposed backward the transparent container and irradiates a first irradiation light to the transparent container;

a second irradiation light source which is disposed adjacent the first irradiation light source and irradiates a second irradiation light to the transparent container from a direction different from that of the first irradiation light;

an image taking means which image takes transmission light on a transmission light optical passage of the first irradiation light from the transparent container as well as image takes irregular reflection light of the second irradiation light; and

a detection means which detects foreign matters in the liquid filled in the transparent container based on the picture images taken by the image taking means.

6. (Withdrawn) An inspection device for inspecting foreign matters in liquid filled in a transparent container according to claim 5, wherein the first and second irradiation lights are irradiated at different timings.

7. (Currently Amended) A foreign matter inspection device for inspecting foreign matters in a liquid filled ~~in a~~ transparent container comprising:

a first irradiation light source which is disposed ~~backward~~ behind the transparent container and irradiates a first irradiation light to the transparent container;

a second irradiation light source which is disposed adjacent to the first irradiation light source and irradiates a second irradiation light of a different color from that of the first irradiation light from a different direction from that of the first irradiation light to the transparent container;

a color separation ~~use~~ mirror which is disposed on a transmission light optical ~~path~~ passage of the first irradiation light from the transparent container as well as on a reflection light optical ~~path~~ passage of the second irradiation light from the transparent container, and which causes to advance in straight optical path the transmission light of the first irradiation light and performs color separation of the reflection light of the second irradiation light and guides the same in another optical ~~path~~ passage than that of the transmission light;

a first ~~image-taking~~ means which is disposed on the straight advancing optical ~~path~~passage and ~~images-takes~~ the transmission light of the first irradiation light;

a second ~~image-taking~~ means which is disposed on the another optical ~~path~~passage and ~~images-takes~~ the reflection light of the second irradiation light; and

an image processing means which image processes picture images taken by the first and second ~~image-taking~~ means and detects foreign matters in the liquid filled ~~in the~~ container.

8. (Currently Amended) A foreign matter inspection device for inspecting foreign matters in a liquid filled ~~in a~~ transparent container comprising:

a first irradiation light source which is disposed ~~behind~~backward the transparent container and irradiates a first irradiation light to the transparent container;

a second irradiation light source which is disposed adjacent to the first irradiation light source and irradiates a second irradiation light of a different color from that of the first irradiation light from a different direction from

that of the first irradiation light to the transparent container;

a half mirror which is disposed on a transmission light optical ~~path~~passage of the first irradiation light from the transparent container as well as on a reflection light optical ~~path~~passage of the second irradiation light from the transparent container and performs optical ~~path~~passage separation;

a first filter which is disposed on a straight advancing optical ~~path~~passage of the half mirror and selects the transmission light from the first irradiation light;

a first ~~image~~ing~~-taking~~ means which ~~image~~s~~-takes~~ the transmission light of the first irradiation light selected by the first filter;

a second filter which is disposed on another optical ~~path~~passage of the half mirror and selects the reflection light of the second irradiation light;

a second ~~image~~ing~~-taking~~ means which ~~image~~s~~-takes~~ the reflection light of the second irradiation light selected by the second filter; and

an image processing means which image processes picture images taken by the first and second ~~image~~ing~~-taking~~

means and detects foreign matters in the liquid filled ~~in the~~ container.

9. (Currently Amended) A foreign matter inspection device for inspecting foreign matters in a liquid filled ~~in a~~ transparent container according to ~~one of claim 8s~~ 5, wherein the first and second irradiation lights from the first and second irradiation light sources are guided through a light guide device.

10. (Withdrawn) A foreign matter inspection device for inspecting a foreign matter contaminated in liquid filled in a transparent container comprising:

a first illumination light source which irradiates a first light to the transparent container and is disposed on one side of the transparent container and at a position substantially on a focal point of the transparent container effecting as a lens and the first illumination light source is configured in a linear shape which covers substantial longitudinal length of the transparent container;

a second illumination light source which irradiates a second light to the transparent container and is disposed

adjacent to the first illumination light source and at a position substantially on a focal point of the transparent container effecting as a lens and the second illumination light source is configured in a linear shape which covers substantial longitudinal length of the transparent container;

an inspection use sensor means which is disposed on the other side of the transparent container at a position which permits observation of both transmission light of the first light transmitted through the transparent container and reflection light of the second light which is caused by a possible reflective foreign matter contaminated in the liquid from a same direction on an optical passage connecting between the first illumination light source and the inspection use sensor with respect to the transparent container; and

an image processing unit which receives a picture image form by the transmission light and a picture image formed by the reflection light from the inspection use sensor means and determines a foreign matter contained in the liquid based on the received picture images.

11. (Withdrawn) A foreign matter inspection device for inspecting a foreign matter contaminated in liquid filled in a

transparent container according to claim 10, wherein the optical properties of the first and second lights are differentiated so as to permit discrimination between the transmission light and the reflection light in the image processing unit.

12. (Withdrawn) A foreign matter inspection device for inspecting a foreign matter contaminated in liquid filled in a transparent container according to claim 10, further comprises either a color separation mirror or a half mirror on the optical passage, wherein the inspection use sensor means includes first and second CCD cameras, the first CCD camera is disposed on the optical passage so as to receive the transmission light passed through either the color separation mirror or the half mirror and the second CCD is disposed on an optical passage other than the optical passage so as to receive the reflection light reflected by either the color separation mirror or the half mirror.

13. (Withdrawn) A foreign matter inspection device for inspecting a foreign matter contaminated in liquid filled in a transparent container according to claim 10, wherein the

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second illumination light source includes a pair of linear shaped illumination sources between which the linear shaped first illumination light source is sandwiched.